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# State Highlights

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## OPERETTA LEADS IN REHEARSAL Choir Prepares For Big Event



Left to right: Lola Cheyne, John Dunham, Bob Burns, Bob Berghuis, Jack Herr, Bill Cox, Lester Shelley

The "Pirates of Penzance," who are really noblemen indulging in piracy only as a hobby, and Frederic, the hero, who became a pirate through an error, along with the chorus of ladies and policemen, will make up the largest cast in the choir's history for the operetta to be given Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27, at 8:00 in the Little Theater.

The double cast will be arrayed in gorgeous costumes, two-thirds of which are rented from the Boston, Gilbert and Sullivan Company, the best company of its type in the country.

With the accompaniment of a professional pianist, Mrs. Warren Carr, formerly the accompanist for one of the biggest Detroit high schools, and a special orchestra trained by Mr. George Amos, Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, the director, feels that such intriguing music will confront the audience that they will all go home whistling the tunes they've just heard.

Under the supervision of Miss Hazel Paden, Miss Pauline Underwood, a college student, is making the attractive scenery, while Mr. George E. Mills, head of the high school speech department is doing the dramatic coaching and supervising the makeup.

The part of Mabel will be taken by Lola Cheyne and Ida Schuhardt, on Friday and Saturday nights respectively. Opposite Lola and Ida as Frederic will be Lester Shelley. Other lead parts are: Bill Cox as the Major-general; Martha DeLano and Barbara Coleman as Ruth; John Dunham and Jack Herr as the King; Marilee Fonner and Pat Herr as Kate; Dick Hill and Tom McKinney as Sam; Frances Spitters and Ione Bailey as Edith; Bob Burns as the Sargeant; and Margaret Tozer and Marguerite Klein as Isabel.

The chorus consists of: Dorothy Boehm, Mary Brody, Ann Corbus, Ann Diller, Peggy Elliot, Marcia Foster, Barbara Fitzgerald, Barbara Frederick, Becky Fuller, Frances Garrison, Gail Gibb, Virginia Glenn, Jean Guymier, Suzanne Hart, Helen Holly, Marilyn Hinckley, Gerry Klein, Eleanor McCane, Donna Kowalski, Shirley Lloyd, Melba Manning, Nancy McQuigg, Virginia Mitchell, Joan Mulder, Loretta

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## Debaters Entering Second Round Today

State High's debate teams are entering the second round of League Contests today at Jackson. Since all four contests in the first round were won by State High, the teams only have to win two more debates in today's tournament. Six wins out of eight are the minimum requirement to enter the State Eliminations.

Mr. George E. Mills, debate coach, reorganized teams that were entered in the first round. This enables four teams to debate, each of them consisting of one experienced and one inexperienced debater.

One affirmative team made up of Paul Nibblelink and Bob Heath is debating Jackson High School at 1:30, while the other affirmative team composed of Burton Upjohn and Jim Knauss meets Battle Creek at 3:00. The negative team of Bill Gilbert and Margery Davis is debating Lansing Sexton at 1:30, and at 3 o'clock Bill Cox and Dick Barnes will form the opposition to the Coldwater High School affirmative team.

Miss Pearl Ford, Student Council Sponsor, has been made a member of the Constitutional Committee of the National Association of Sponsors of Student Participation in School Administration.

## Radio Time Changed

State High's radio program, previously heard every other Tuesday at 1:45 over WKZO has thus far presented shows covering a wide range of topics. Starting with the next program, the time will be 1:30.

The next two programs will be round table discussions by the advanced speech class on the topic of compulsory military training. On January 23, the pros and cons of the military reasons for this training will be discussed and the non-military reasons will be aired on February 6.

Mr. Mills, radio director, wishes to urge that if any instructor desires to present a program, he is cordially invited to do so. All aid and assistance possible will be given in production.

### CALENDAR

January 18—Basketball at Holland Christian

Jan. 26, and Jan. 27—Operetta, "Pirates of Penzance" Little Theater

January 26—Basketball game at Niles

Thursday, February 1—Marks must be in the office

Monday, February 5—Marks issued to pupils

February 26 through March 6 Spring Vacation



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## How's Your Citizenship?

"What is an 'A' citizen?" "What is the citizenship average?" "Will a 'C' in citizenship keep me off the honor roll?" "Will the teachers mark on all-round behavior or individual class behavior?"

Citizenship seems to have suddenly become a key word in the vocabularies of the inhabitants of State High School. Everyone, faculty and students alike, is talking about it. All the discussions were prompted, of course, by the institution, this year, of letter grades in citizenship to be placed on the student's record along with his scholastic grade.

An examination of the standards which have been set up proves that an 'A' citizen is nothing "out of the world," as the general student opinion would have it, while the 'C' citizens will probably be few and far between. An 'A' citizen is the fellow who gets to class on time, is courteous to his teachers and classmates, is tolerant of other's views, meets his responsibilities, and acts in general in a manner which should be expected of a superior high school student. On the other hand, a 'C' citizen is the one who always gets to class at the last minute, whose courtesy is satisfactory in terms of the *minimum* requirements, and who is rather indifferent to the welfare and functions of the school and its organizations. A 'C' in citizenship will keep you off the honor roll; but why shouldn't it? You certainly aren't to be honored very highly with a citizenship 'C' under such standards.

One of the main points for question in this whole matter seems to be the basis upon which the teacher will mark the student. Will it be only as he sees the student in his own class, or will it be his general impression of the student as is evinced by his conduct in the school as a whole: halls, classes, office, and extra-curricular activities? This question has been in some rather heated debates. When the smoke cleared, it was decided that the teachers would mark on conduct in their individual classes. The homeroom supervisors and boy or girl advisors would take up general conduct and loyalty and attitude toward school regulations and organizations in their citizenship evaluations.

The marks are coming out in a couple of weeks. If this whole thing isn't clear now, you'll find it out then, "the hard way." Only time will tell what State High Students' destinies as citizens are, but sometimes destiny may be controlled.

## Paden's Hobbies, Opinions Presented

The subject of our faculty portrait this week is Miss Hazel Paden, teacher of the all-important subject of art in State High.

Miss Paden, who has been teaching in the high school for fifteen years, has as her only pet peeve the Michigan Central Railroad, which, together with the screeching of brakes and the deafening roar of trucks, cars, and other vehicles speeding past the barracks, causes her to tear her hair.

However, don't assume from this that Miss Paden doesn't like the barracks. She is a staunch supporter of that structure and asserts that it is the only building on the campus that has a personality, and in which a real feeling of fellowship exists among the inhabitants. This feeling is created by their fight against a common foe — The Michigan Central Railroad.

Collecting old handwrought silver spoons is the unique hobby of this teacher who states that although her collection is not too elaborate, it is very interesting.

Next to teaching art, Miss Paden's favorite interest is music; in fact, her first teaching position was as a music instructor. Most inspirational among musicians (in her opinion) is Paderewski.

After hesitating a while I asked her this all-important question: "What do you think of Frank Sinatra?" A slight pause, (not for station identification) followed. Then came the answer. "Liking music as I do, I don't see how any sane human being could go into abnormal ecstasies over such a person!"

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Pyne, Rosemary Porter, Ethel Richardson, Mary Roberts, Joy Roeloff, Joan Rood, Wilma Jean Roundhouse, Hildur Sangren, Margie Steen, Joyce VanderPolder, Louise VanStratton, Nyla Worden, Pat Wolcott, Mary Ellen Ward, Betty Ann Warren, Betty Wells, Beverly West, and Joan Winkelman, Phil Avery, Bob Berghuis, Howard DeWitt, Ray Doornbus, Roger Ekema, John Foster, Franklin Fulton, Jerry Hollowell, John Holmes, Bob Huyser, Pete Junker, David Peterson, Fred Troff, Bob VanderWee, Linden Griffin and Doug Johnson.

Do you want to be fat now or starve later? In other words spend that dime for a War Stamp instead of a candy bar.



## Two Wins Keep Cub Hopes High

The State High Cubs have won two of three basketball contests in recent weeks and still have hopes of snatching the Big Seven Conference title. On December 19 the Cubs journeyed to Three Rivers and tamed the Wildcats by a score of 27 to 25 in a see-saw contest. The highlights of this game was the scoring punch of Captain Dave Auxter who poured 13 points through the hoop. The work of sophomore center, Gene West also stood out. For Three Rivers the all around play of forward Lasik was spot lighted. This defeat eliminated the Wildcats from the league race.

Returning to action after Christmas vacation the State High Cubs scored one of the biggest upsets of the season by toppling St. Joseph Bears, 33 to 26. The game was played as a preliminary to the Western-Central Michigan game and attracted 2,000 spectators, probably the best crowd of the season. In this game little "Berghoff" Burns hit a hot streak and scored 13 points to lead the Cub scoring. On defensive "Rudy" Auxter shined, holding Cletus Hosbein, the St. Joseph scoring star, to three points, all made on free throws. For the Bears Phil Morton looked best on the offensive while Al Stockman was the defensive star.

Last Friday, January 12, at Buchanan the Cubs' two game win streak was snapped by the "Battling Bucks" who scored a 27-26 upset victory.

The small Buchanan floor handicapped the Cubs to no end as it is only one-third the size of the Cubs' practice court. Another element which contributed toward the defeat was the fact that the ball used in the first half wasn't a regulation league ball, and the Cubs couldn't handle it well. When a regulation ball was put into play, State outscored Buchanan 14-5.

Bob Burns led the Cubs in scoring with seven points, while rebound work of substitute center, Dick Klepper, also stood out. J. B. Anderson led Buchanan with nine points before being put out on fouls late in the game.

### BIG SEVEN STANDINGS

	WON	LOST	PCT.
Niles	5	1	.833
Dowagiac	4	2	.667
St. Joseph	4	2	.667
State High	3	3	.500
Buchanan	2	4	.333
South Haven	2	4	.333
Three Rivers	1	5	.167



## SPORTLIGHT

One of the less spectacular but most consistent players on State High's Cage squad is senior forward, Dave Ritsema.

Ritz came to State as a frosh in the fall of '41 entering here from the suburb of Milwood which has sent many athletic stars to our fair school including Dave's "big" brother, who was a basketball and tennis star before graduating in 1942.

Dave went out for basketball as a frosh and made the reserve team. While in his sophomore year, he played as a substitute forward on the area championship team. Last year as a junior Ritz saw plenty of action as a substitute and gained valuable experience which no doubt has helped him gain a starting berth and has him a lot this year. As a senior Ritsema has gained a starting berth and has him a lot this year. As a senior Ritsema has gained a starting berth and has him a lot this year. As a senior Ritsema has gained a starting berth and has him a lot this year.

Besides playing basketball, Dave excels on the diamond in the spring. Baseball as varsity second baseman, Ritz has won three major letters in and he plans to add another "S" to his growing collection this spring.

After graduation, Dave plans to join the navy where he hopes to enter the radar division. Big Ritz says that when he is through with the navy, he will probably settle down and get married. (He has a cute little brunette right now!) No matter what happens in the future, we wish Dave the best of luck!

## Cagers Next Two Contests to be Away

Continuing their drive for the Big Seven basketball championship, the State High Cubs will hit the road for two tough games in the next two weeks. Thursday night the Bruins journey to Holland to meet the towering Holland Christian Dutchmen, who have improved tremendously since taking a 31-14 shellacking from the Cubs in the season opener. One indication of Holland's improvement is shown in its recent victories over Kalamazoo St. Augustine and Grand Rapids South. The Dutchmen are led by Bob Altena, who is their high scorer, and Fred Brieve, one of the best rebound men in Southwestern Michigan. This game is a non-conference affair, but the Cubs aim to chalk up another victory.

On January 26 the Cubs trek to Niles to meet the league leading Vikings in a game which can make or break the Cubs because a loss would throw them out of the title chase. Earlier in the season Niles won over State 33-26, but they were forced to come from behind to win from the tiring Cubs. Niles has two outstanding men in Bill Cashbough, who threw in 13 points in the last Cub encounter, and Walt Wilson, speedy forward, who is a consistent scorer and a good floor player. The Cubs have now hit their peak and can be counted on to be in there battling until the final whistle.





What would you do if you just learned State High won the Big Seven Conference?

*Jim Knauss:* "Celebrate New Year's Eve all over again."

*Dick Morton:* "Shoot off all my old Shotgun Shells."

*Bill Ryan:* "Go off and meditate."

*Roger Schultz:* "Tear up my History Book."

*Ken Reeves:* "Get out of school."

*Jim Stevenson:* "Find Beebe and go out and raise Cain."

*Romola Price:* "Gasp."

*Dick Dorgan:* "Open up a bottle of Pepsi-Cola."

*Moe:* "Wrauf! Wrauf!"

*Cammy:* "Quit worrying."

*Jim Ralston:* "Wake me up, I'm dreamin."

Daffy-nitions  
Diesel-Diesel do for you.  
Sanctuary-Sanctuary much.  
Delight—As in Delight That Failed.  
—Bil Gilbert

From the Exchange  
My neighbor doesn't study  
Though I do every day  
I wonder how it happens  
That she also gets an "A."  
—Lincoln Log

### Happy Birthday

Jan. 18 Joy Roelof  
19 Bob Kistler  
20 Marjorie Williams  
21 Kenneth Greene  
21 Pat Abrams  
22 Nelva Moore  
24 Bernadine Brocksus  
25 Jim Amos  
26 Otto Schuhardt  
27 Roger Shultz  
28 Tom Jennings  
29 Howard Dewitt  
31 John Bigelow

## Student Exchange

This business about "going steady" has been talked through until the pros and cons are wearing thin. But to voice the solid opinion of one gal who has lived and learned, it deserves to come up for air once more.

There isn't anyone who can answer the question finally, but those coosome twosomes, those gals and fellows who like to do their dating in exclusive pairs, have voiced some pretty sound arguments for and against the issues. Here's what this gal has to say about moving into the hand-holding department while still in high school.

Those girls who are considering going steady don't know when they are well off. I am 16 years old and I have gone steady once. Some people say that it's the girl who ropes the boy into going steady, but I refuse to agree that this is always the case. It was a long time before I ever met *The Man*. The night he asked me to go steady I was all in a dither, but the next morning I discovered I was going steady. Well, we were together most of the time, week-end dates, after school, between classes. But after awhile we became sort of sick of the gruesome twosome stuff, only neither one wanted to admit it.

A boy likes to make a girl think she's his one and only, and when he's finally got her he feels marvelous. It's fun at first because all of his worrying and having to call two weeks in advance for a date is over. You're his woman and everyone knows it. Like an old shoe you're there at all times. He can call for a date when he feels like it. If he wants to go out with the boys, he knows you're at home wondering where he is and there aren't any other boys offering competition so why should he worry? Dates are all over when you settle down to one person.

The girls who have the best time in high school are those who never settle down to one boy. So kids, take a tip from one who knows! Remember—a boy never takes a girl as seriously as she takes him.

### The Voice of Experience

If She wants a date—Meter  
If she wants an escort—Conductor  
If she's hungry—feeder  
If her hands are cold—heater

You've probably heard of the little moron . . .  
—Who took a bicycle to bed so he wouldn't have to walk in his sleep.

## Singular Signs of Our Singular Times

. . . The manners of frosh boys when they bump into you; especially when they jump backwards an estimated ten feet to beg your pardon. Very refreshing . . . ! !

. . . The graduation pics flourished aloft by those girls fortunate enough to charm them away from their owners.

. . . Also the sentiments on the hind-sides of the aforementioned pics. Wow! . . . The "flu" and I.

. . . Little brothers—one proof man descended from monkeys.

. . . That dope, who, when there's still time for the assignment to be given, engages himself in an unimportant argument with the instructor, forcing the poor instructor to give a hurried version while detaining the others overtime, thus incurring the wrath of all.

. . . Moron jokes. Say, did you hear the one about the little moron who said he reads *A Bush Grows In Brooklyn*. The other moron said he must be mistaken: it was *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn*. "No!", answered the silly little moron brightly. "I read the Reader's Digest Condensation!"

. . . The 2:30 classes and study halls eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Highlights on alternate Wednesday afternoons. (a plug).

. . . Those embryo meteorologists trying bravely to explain what happened to their weather predictions.

## Frosh Wins 4-H Honors

An enterprising new Frosh, Louise Van Stratton, has been showing promise toward bringing fame to the name of State High by her accomplishments in 4-H work. She was selected to represent her group, the Quad 10 Club, at the State Fair in Lansing last year, and exhibited two pints of tomatoes, one quart of peaches, and one quart of pears, being awarded second ribbon for each.

Louise has been active for five years and has taken four years of clothing, receiving honorable mention and a gold seal for each year, two years of gardening, also obtaining gold seals, one year of canning, another gold seal, and two years of cooking. At Lansing she attended the style judging contest, being one of the two selected at the County Center Building because of her outstanding ability at evaluating clothes.